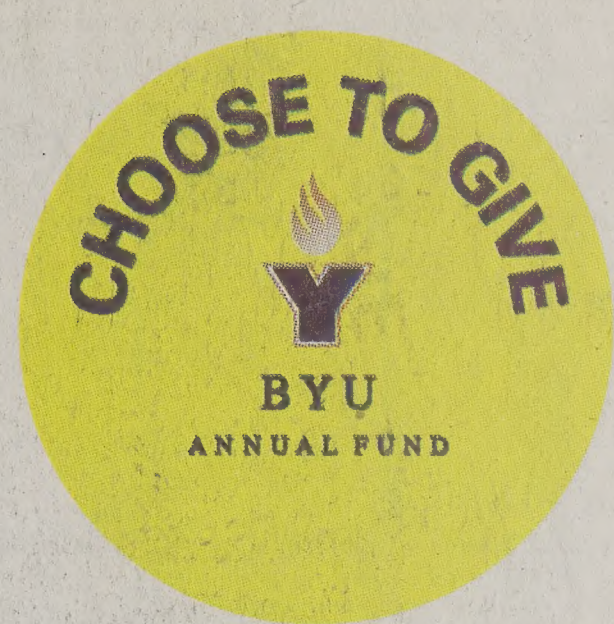


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Utah's 2000 Census challenge debated

State awaits lawsuit decision as Supreme Court deliberates



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Lara Wolfson

Y professor aids in case

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At 30, BYU statistics professor Lara Wolfson made a whimsical New Year's resolution to be on CNN before her 35th birthday. A year later, her resolution may become a surprising reality. Wolfson is the expert statistical witness and consultant for Utah in the Supreme Court case against the Census Bureau that began Wednesday.

The case is attracting a high media profile because of its potential to shake up congressional seats.

"It's been a really humbling experience and an amazing opportunity," Wolfson said. "The lawyers have been great students."

In January 2001, Tom Lee, the counsel representing Utah, realized he needed a statistical expert to isolate and describe the case's number crunching.

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By Elise Christenson
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Utah's long-running legal struggle with the Census Bureau reached its pinnacle in an hour-long hearing before the Supreme Court on Wednesday.

If Utah wins the lawsuit, which the high court is in the process of deliberating, it will gain a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, prompting a scramble to prepare for a four-district election.

"There's no plan in place now to deal with that possibility. There's simply no way of knowing what we will do until a decision is made by the Supreme Court," said Amy Naccarato, Utah director of elections.

In preparation for a Utah win, the state Legislature met last November to redistrict, drawing a four-district and a three-district plan.

Without knowing when the ruling will come, the Utah elections office is continuing to operate under the current three-district plan, Naccarato said.

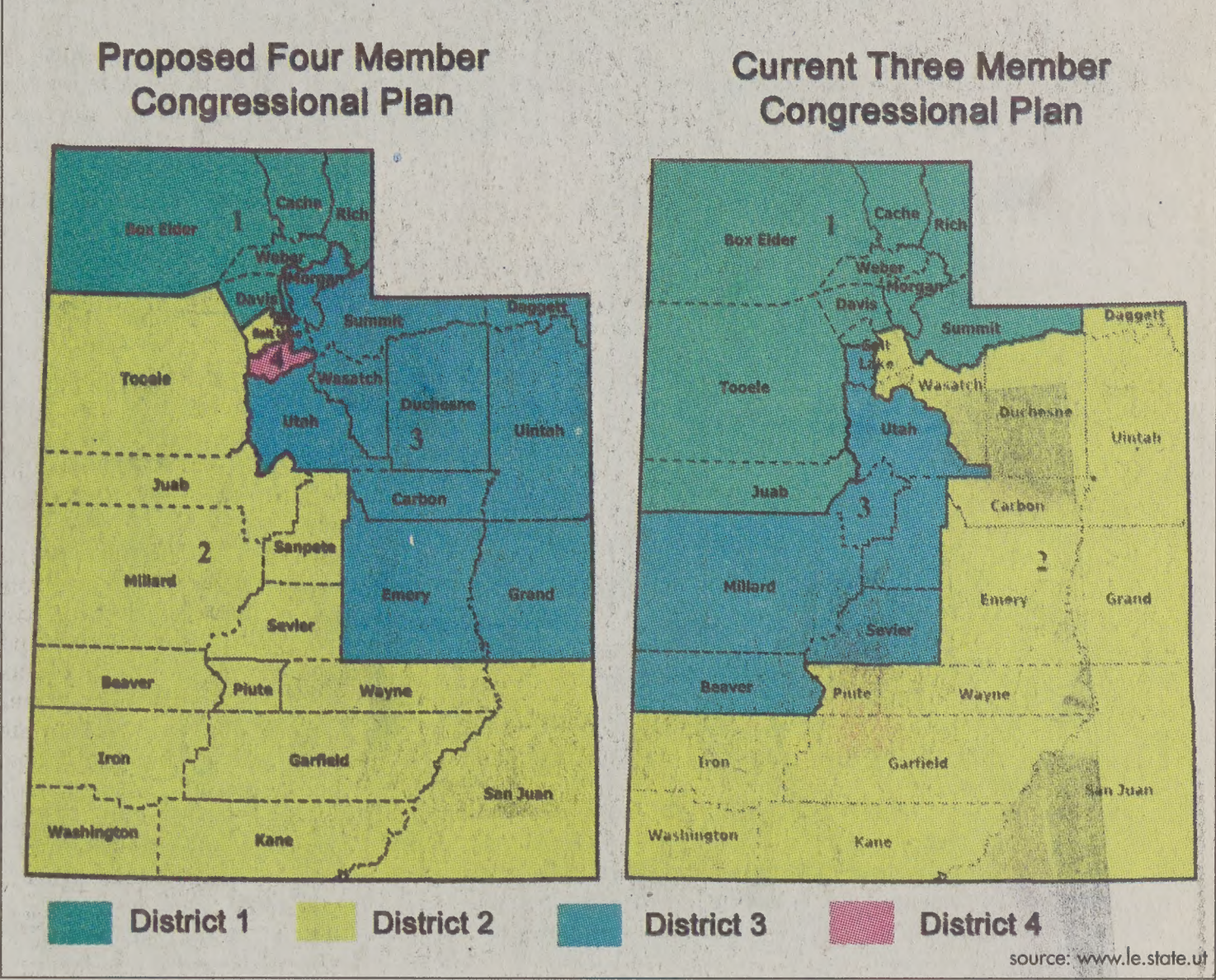
"If we need to switch to the four-district plan, we can handle it," she said. "Depending on when the ruling will come, it will just be a matter of how quickly we will have to handle it."

If the high court rules in Utah's favor, the state Legislature will meet in a special session to decide how to proceed with the elections.

The deadline to file for candidacy was March 17. In the event of a Utah win, the Legislature would have to re-open the election to fill the additional seat.

However, the ruling will not only affect elections in the fourth district, Naccarato said.

Census Maps



graphic by Denise Plant and Travis Morgan

The U.S. Supreme Court debated Wednesday about whether to award a lawsuit to the state of Utah against the Census Bureau. Utah hopes to create a fourth congressional district within the state, which would give the state an additional seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"Some people will be moved to a new district in the four-district plan. Candidates that are moved would want to run in their new district," Naccarato said.

The situation is further complicated because the ruling may not come until after state nominating conventions May 11 and after primary elections June 25.

In the event of a late ruling in

Utah's favor, the state Legislature will have to decide how to replicate these events for the fourth district, Naccarato said.

"If the court's decision comes half-way through the process it is going to get complicated," she said.

The high court is not required to rule until the end of its session at the end of June, but Utah attorney

general Mark Shurtleff said he thinks the ruling will come sooner than that.

"The Supreme Court is very aware of the need to get this ruling as soon as possible, so we hope to hear something as soon as April," he said.

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Rescue teams find missing boy alive in trunk of car



Joanna Caldwell/Daily Universe

Loren Furner, left and Dawn Furner are interviewed by the media shortly after their son, Zach, was found in the trunk of the family car Wednesday afternoon.

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Nearly 18 hours after he went missing, a 5-year-old Pleasant Grove autistic boy was found in the trunk of his parents' car Wednesday afternoon.

Zachary Furner, who doesn't speak and has been known to hide in confined places, was discovered when volunteer searcher Laura Deichman walked by the Furners' home and heard crying from the trunk of a car parked in the driveway. It was the same car Zachary's mother drove to the police station to report him missing Tuesday night.

Deichman, of Elk Ridge, Utah County, was part of a search group of 1,000 volunteers, police K-9 teams, the fire department

and a helicopter that looked for the boy most of Tuesday night and into Wednesday morning.

"I'm so grateful I was able to help in some way," Deichman said.

Authorities said they still do not know how the child got locked in the trunk of the family car, but said it may have been through an inside latch.

Sergeant Mike Roberts of the Pleasant Grove Department of Public Safety headed up the search's command center in the parking lot of a local church building. Roberts said the group had used every searcher it could recruit. Pleasant Grove High School students were dismissed from some classes to aid search efforts Wednesday.

Zachary was discovered missing between 5 and 6 p.m. Tuesday night.

The boy has been known to run away from people and sequester himself, hiding in small spaces or in trees. Volunteers were instructed to search sheds, trees, shrubs, laundry bags, vehicles, horse trailers and even dryers. After searching homes, volunteers tied strips of yellow police tape to doorknobs to indicate which houses had been searched.

Zachary's mother, Dawn Furner, said the family has only lived in the Pleasant Grove area for two months, and was overwhelmed by the community support.

"Within moments, the streets were full with people searching for a boy they hardly knew," Furner said. "I'm just so grateful." Furner said she knew it would take a single voice to rescue her son because he is afraid of crowds.

Bomber kills 15, wounds dozens at Passover festivities

Associated Press

NETANYA, Israel — A suicide bomber burst into a hotel dining room and blew himself up Wednesday just as Israelis dressed in their holiday best were sitting down to a Seder meal celebrating the Jewish Passover. At least 15 people were killed and more than 100 were wounded.

The explosion tore through the ground floor of the Park Hotel in this northern coastal resort, blowing out walls and windows and overturning tables and chairs. Bits of rubble and wires dangled from the ceiling. In the chaos, one table remained standing, covered by a white cloth and with the elaborate Seder place settings still in place.

The Islamic militant group Hamas claimed responsibility for what Israeli government spokesman Gideon Meir called a "Passover massacre."

The bombing in Netanyahu threatened to derail the latest U.S. truce mission, just hours after Presi-

dent Bush said his envoy to the region had made some progress.

Bush urged Yasser Arafat and his Palestinian Authority "to do everything in their power" to try to stop the killing. "This callous, this cold-blooded killing, it must stop," Bush said. "I condemn it in the most strongest of terms."

Israel, which had reluctantly accepted the latest U.S. cease-fire proposals, said it would have to reassess its policy and held Arafat responsible for the bombing. Police Minister Uzi Landau called for retaliation, saying the Palestinian Authority must be destroyed.

The Palestinian leadership said in a statement it "strongly condemned" the attack. A Palestinian security official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Arafat ordered the arrest of four key militants from the Islamic militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad as well as from the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, a militia linked to Arafat's Fatah movement.

The explosion occurred at about 7:20 p.m. Wednesday, as dozens of guests in the Park Hotel along Netanyahu's boardwalk settled down for the Passover Seder in the dining hall. Guests were dressed in their holiday best; the women in festive dresses, the men in white shirts and dark pants.

The bomber, carrying a large bag of explosives, made his way past an armed guard at the hotel entrance who did not consider him suspicious, Israel TV said. From the lobby, he ran toward the dining hall, where he blew himself up.

Some of the wounded staggered out of the lobby, which was plunged into darkness by the explosion. Others were taken to ambulances in stretchers, including a young boy who had an oxygen mask pressed to the face.

Witnesses said they saw five bodies lined up on the pavement, some of them dismembered, including that of a woman in festive holiday clothes.



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Israeli rescue workers evacuate an injured person from the Park Hotel in Netanyahu, Israel, following a suicide bombing that killed at least 15 people and wounded more than 100 people.

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Romney refuses 'no new tax' pledge

BOSTON — Mitt Romney has refused to take a "no new taxes" pledge, bucking a decade-old rite of passage for Republican gubernatorial candidates.

Romney said he would not sign the pledge offered by the anti-tax group Citizens for Limited Taxation. Swift and her two Republican predecessors signed the pledge.

"I'm against tax increases," said Romney, who is credited with making the 2002 Winter Olympics a success as president of the organizing committee.

"But I'm not intending to, at this stage, sign a document which would prevent me from being able to look specifically at the revenue needs of the commonwealth," Romney told the Union-News of Springfield on Tuesday.

Pakistan schools expel foreign students

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistani religious schools have sent home hundreds of foreign students this month under a government order aimed at curbing the number of young men who might be recruited by al-Qaida, school officials said Wednesday.

The Jan. 12 order from Pakistan's military is seen as supporting Afghanistan's former Taliban rulers, said Salim Ullah Khan, who is in charge of supervising madrassas in Pakistan.

"We know hundreds of students, mostly Afghans, have left madrassas while others are struggling to legalize their stay," Khan told The Associated Press.

One noted religious school, the Darul Aloom Haqqania near the northwestern city of Peshawar, has expelled 700 Afghans and some Arabs because they were unable to secure the proper paperwork, said Maulana Hanidul Haq, a senior official at the school.

Colin Powell labels terrorist groups

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell on Wednesday designated three Middle East groups as terrorist organizations, including the al-Aqsa brigades, a Palestinian militia linked to the Fatah faction of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

The other groups are Asbat al-Ansar, an Algerian group dedicated to the overthrow of the Algerian government, and the Salafist Group for Call and Combat, a Sunni Muslim group based in Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon.

Powell announced his designations through his spokesman, Richard Boucher.

Powell disclosed last week that he was taking steps to designate al-Aqsa as a terrorist organization. He made that announcement on the same day that the group claimed responsibility for a terrorist act in a Jerusalem shopping area in which a Palestinian suicide bomber killed himself and two bystanders. At least 60 were wounded.

Thousands hail return of navy warship

NORFOLK, Va. — The aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, one of the first ships sent abroad in the U.S. war on terror, docked Wednesday after a six-month mission, sending crew members streaming ashore into the tearful embraces of family members.

At Norfolk Naval Station's Pier 14, thousands hailed the return of the warship from a 189-day cruise.

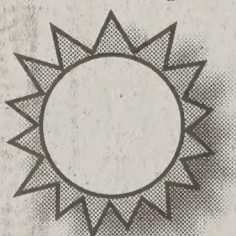
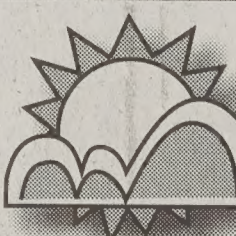
"USA! USA! USA!" the throng chanted as the first carrier to deploy after Sept. 11 was nudged into the pier by tugboats. Many waved and wept openly before the crew left the ship.

Sailors waving American flags waved back from the deck of the 1,092-foot carrier.

CORRECTION

The story on Monday's front page concerning the "Testaments of One Fold and One Shepherd" should have read it was being shown for one of the first times outside of Salt Lake City.

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SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY



Kelly Christiansen, 22, from Provo majoring in English teaching, likes this scripture because "Jesus took each child individually and wept, it reminds us of his love for each one of us."

"And when he had said these words, he wept, and the multitude bare record of it, and he took their little children, one by one, and blessed them, and prayed unto the Father for them."

— 3 Nephi 17:21

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Critics file suits against reform

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush grudgingly signed landmark legislation designed to limit the role of big money in political campaigns on Wednesday, triggering a rush to the courthouse by critics challenging the constitutionality of the law.

"I wouldn't have signed it if I was really unhappy with it. I think it improves the system," Bush told reporters more than two hours after signing the measure in the early morning quiet of the White House, without the public fanfare often lavished on major bill signings.

"I'm pleased that President Bush has signed campaign finance reform legislation into law," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the leading advocate of the measure in Congress — and the man who challenged Bush unsuccessfully to embrace the bill during the 2000 GOP presidential primaries.

By late morning, as Bush flew south to help raise millions for GOP congressional candidates, two lawsuits were filed in the U.S. District Court in several blocks from the White House. Both of them alleged the legislation violates the constitutional guarantee of free speech.

The law "eviscerates the core protections of the First Amendment by prohibiting, on pain of criminal punishment, political speech," alleged the National Rifle Association and its political victory fund in the first suit to be filed.

The legislation "flagrantly contravenes more than a quarter-century of unbroken Supreme Court and lower court precedents," charged Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., in a separate complaint.

Bush, too, in a written statement, said certain provisions of the legislation "present serious constitutional concerns." But he added that on balance the measure would "improve the financing system for federal campaigns."

Both lawsuits attack one hotly contested provision of the legislation — a restriction on late-campaign television advertising that does not directly advocate the election or defeat of a candidate. McConnell's suit also alleges that another key feature of the bill is unconstitutional, a ban on so-called soft money, the unlimited donations that political parties raise from unions, corporations and individuals.

"Clearly the battle is not over. This bill will be challenged in court and we are ready for that fight," said Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass., the chief Democratic sponsor of the legislation in the House.

The legislation was cleared by Congress earlier this month after a monumental struggle that played out for more than a decade. McConnell, who led numerous filibusters that killed the legislation in earlier years, trumpeted his intention to file suit after deciding further opposition

in Congress would be futile.

Bush's ambivalence about the legislation was clearly on display. He signed the measure in the early morning in the White House, relying on aides to phone McCain and other lawmakers with the news, skipping the type of ceremony in which the moment is captured by television cameras and witnessed by a phalanx of key supporters.

Asked to provide a photograph of the moment Bush fixed his name on the legislation, the White House refused.

The president left the White House shortly after signing the law for a swing through South Carolina, Georgia and Texas, where aides said he would raise more than \$3.8 million for GOP

candidates and party organizations.

The legislation takes effect on Nov. 6, the day after this fall's elections, and Bush's political activities underscored efforts by officials in both parties to raise millions of dollars in soft money in the meantime to win the battle for control of Congress.

The president told reporters he saw no contradiction in signing the bill on a day of heavy fund raising. "I'm not going to lay down my arms. I'm going to participate in the rules of the system," he said.

Under the legislation, some of the money Bush was raising on his swing would be prohibited. But at the same time, he would have been permitted to raise twice

as much in hard money as he would have been permitted to raise in soft money.

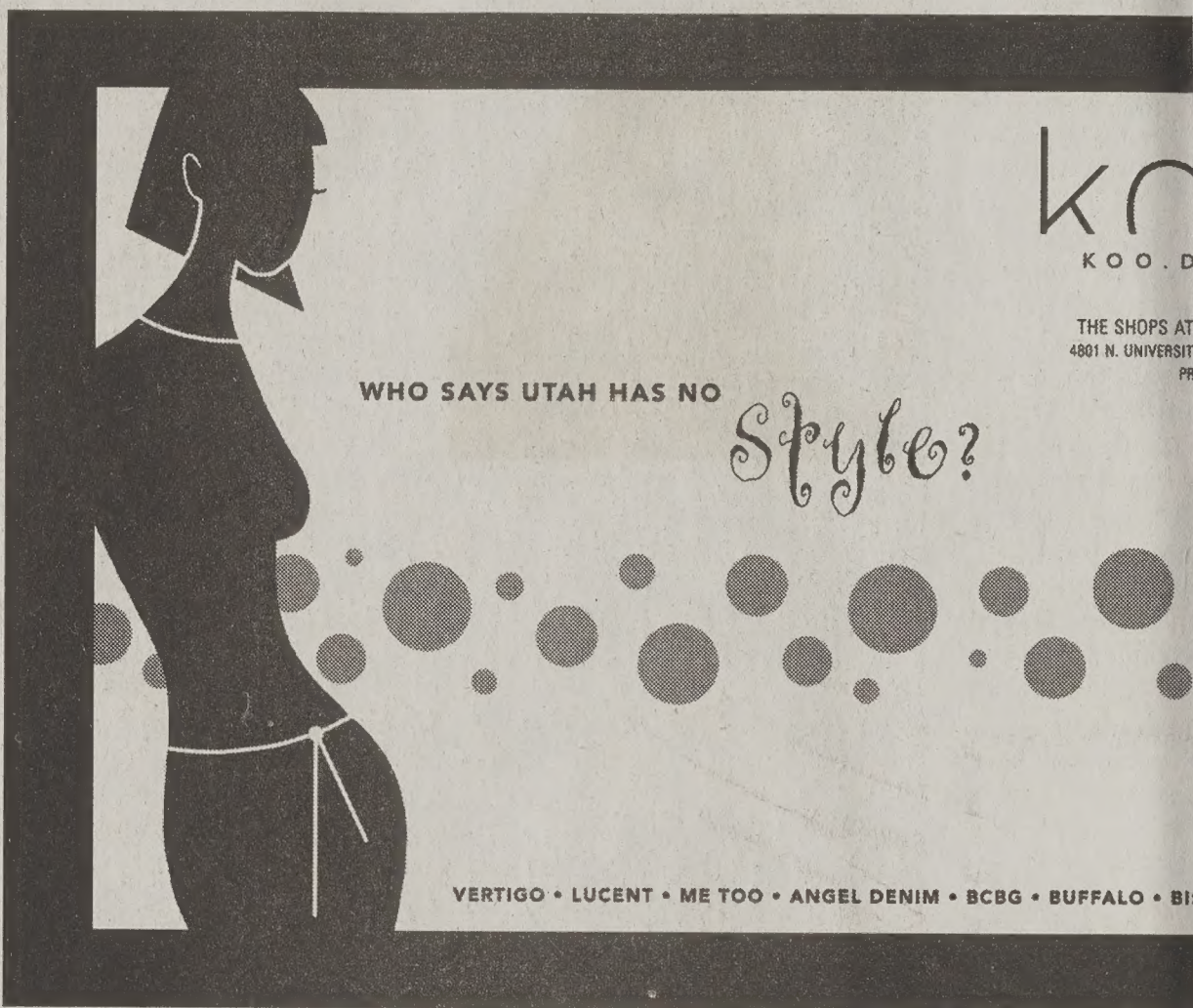
His first appearance after signing the law was at a campaign event in South Carolina, where he was joined by Rep. Lindsey

Carolina lawnmower the Senate, and McCain and his 2000 presidential

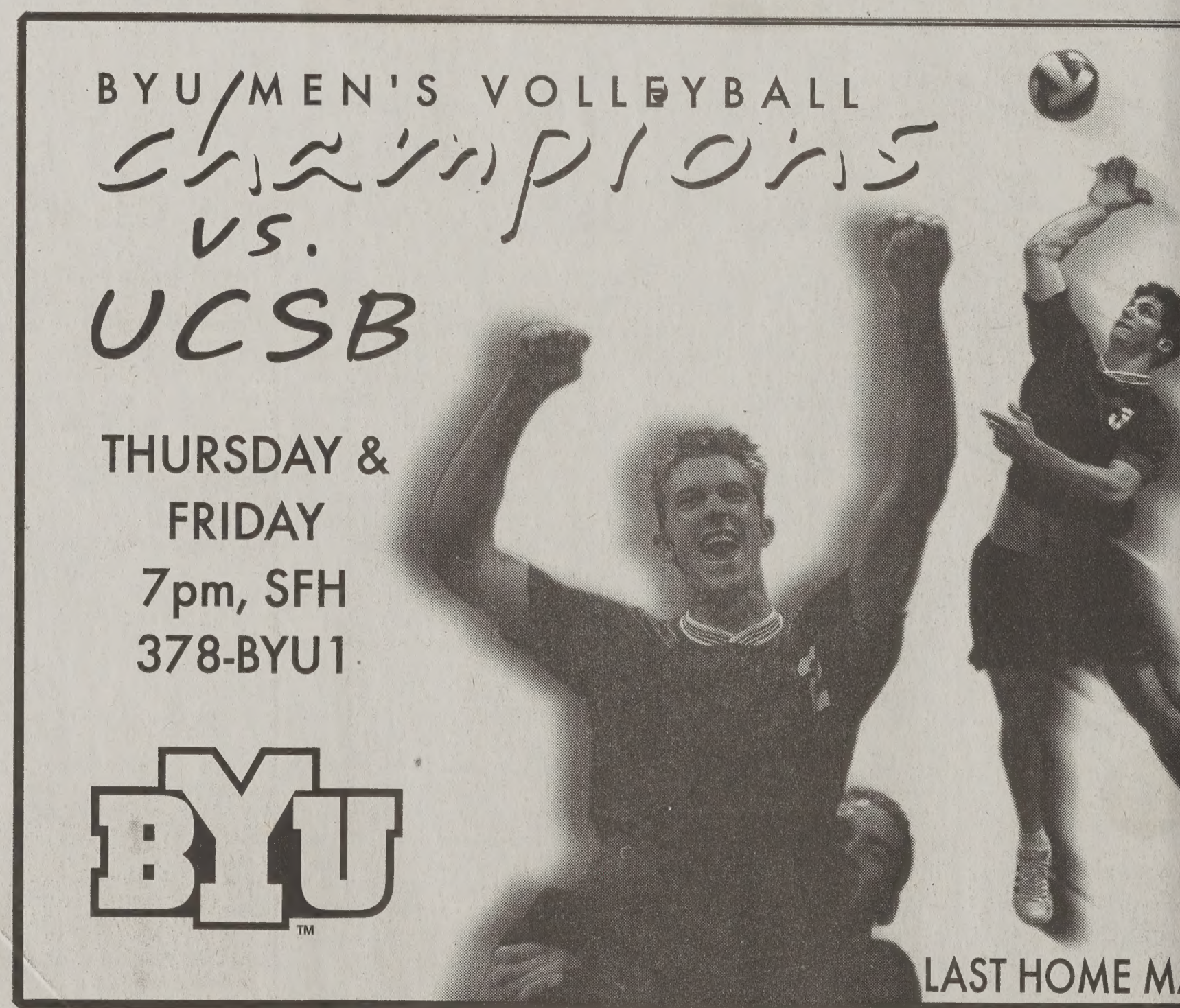
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He urged Driscoll to reconsider
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hateful, bigoted and unjust."

In a written reply, Driscoll said
he checked The Center for Bio-
Ethical Reform's Web site and
found nothing wrong with the
images.

"The pictures of aborted fetuses
are gruesome. However, abortion
is gruesome," he wrote.

Besides the St. Paul's Catholic
Student Group, sponsoring organ-
izations include Campus Crusade
for Christ, Intersivity Christian
Fellowship and Baptist Campus
Ministries.

Deacon Chuck Skoro, director
of campus ministry for St. Paul's,
said the decision to participate
was made by students and advisers
independent of the bishop.
Fink said he singled out Driscoll
"because I had higher expectations
of the Catholic Church."

"The other groups, I wasn't sur-
prised," he said Wednesday.
"Very right-wing, fundamentalist
protestant groups have been
active in using what I consider to
be morally abhorrent tactics in
their anti-abortion efforts for a
very long time."

Beyond the offensiveness of the
images themselves, Fink said his
concern was the potentially vio-
lent response they might engen-
der.

"It perpetuates the worst kind of

murderous extremism," he said.
"We all recognize that abortion is
a legal procedure and abortion is
not murder in this country. So per-
petuating that kind of response is
incredibly irresponsible."

But Skoro said parallels to the
Holocaust are entirely appropri-
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"The killing of the Jews was a
legal act in Germany. Whether
something is a legal act or not it is
not terribly important in an issue
like this," he said.

"If the truth is that ugly —
which it is — then we do have to
be careful about the way that we
tell the truth. But to somehow say
that telling the truth should be
avoided because people may
respond badly to the truth seems
bizarre to me."

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Not knowing which district to
campaign in presents a problem
for candidates, Naccarato said.

Rep. Chris Cannon, R-Utah, is
running for re-election in the third
district. He said he is going to
campaign in the areas designated
by each plan.

"I'm going to reach out to all of
the areas, but my heart tells me
we're going to get that fourth seat,
so I'll focus a little bit more heav-
ily there," Cannon said.

The stakes are high for Utah,
Shurtleff said. Under the current
plan, Utah is underrepresented —
each congressman represents
745,000 people, compared to
620,000 people in North Carolina,
the state the seat would be taken
from.

"If you don't have equal repre-
sentation in Congress, your right
to vote has been deprived,"
Shurtleff said.

The four-district plan may not
only affect Utah politics; it could
have national implications as
well, Shurtleff said.

Currently, Republicans repre-
sent two of the three districts in
Utah. Because of changes in
demographics, moving to the
four-district plan would most
likely lead to four Republican dis-
tricts, Shurtleff said.

The seat North Carolina would
lose is Democratic.

With Republicans carrying a
six-seat majority in the House,
this case could affect the current
balance of power.

"I think that inside their hearts,
the White House wants us to
win," Shurtleff said.

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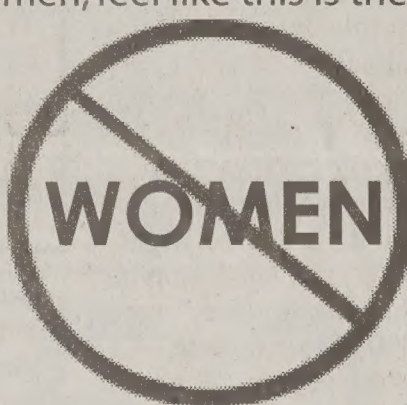


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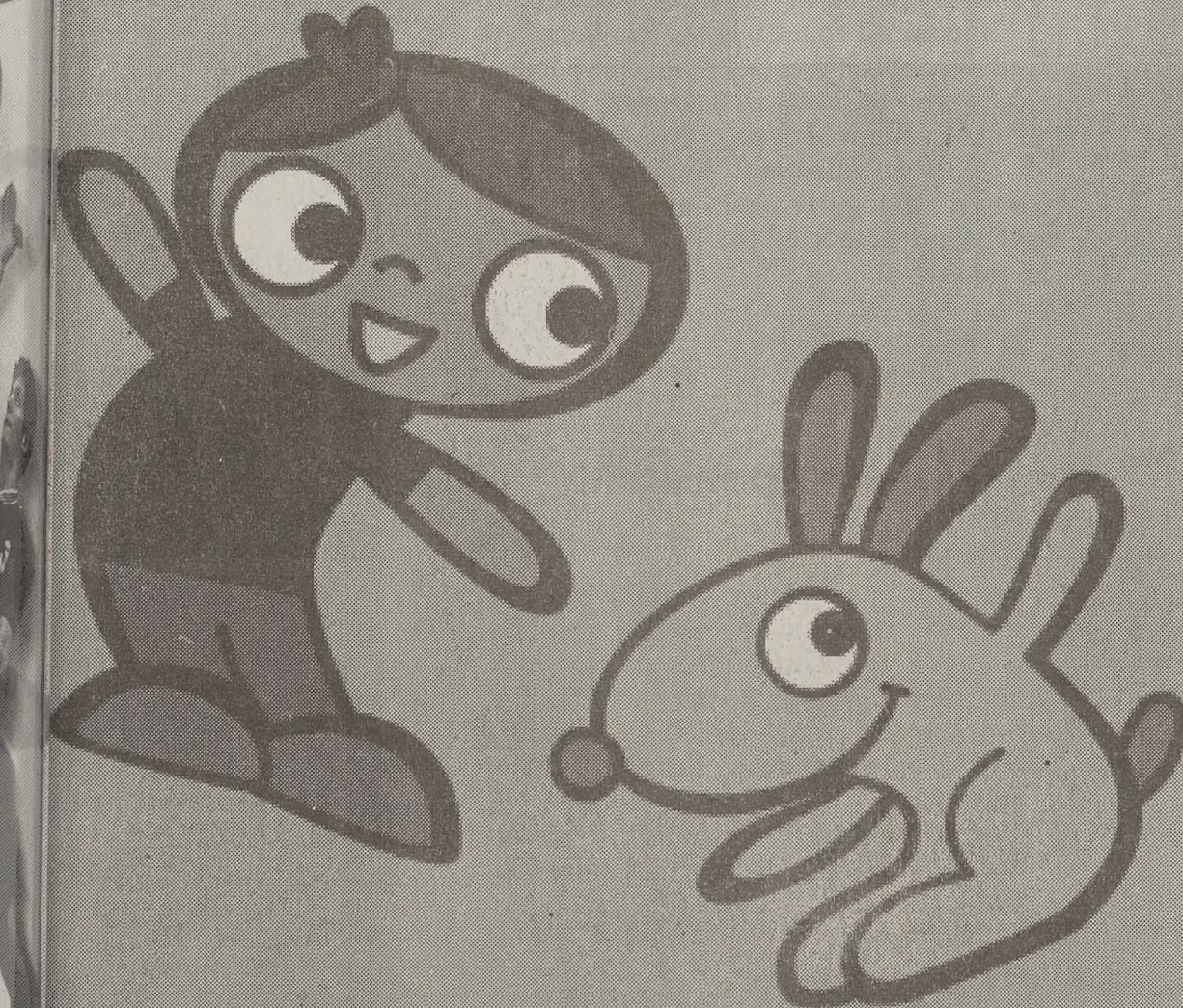
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Biggest losses come off the court

As March Madness, the climax of the NCAA basketball season, wraps up, some students are getting wealthy from risky gambling ventures.

Others however, are losing big.

A recent article in The Daily Universe reflected apathetic and flippant attitudes of many students at BYU toward gambling.

Many rationalize gambling, especially gambling on sports, as innocent entertainment.

"It's just something to do," one student said.

"It's just like going to the movies," another said.

Although gambling is not explicitly against the Honor Code, prophets have warned against it.

The objective of gambling is simple: to get money for nothing — just like the goal of thieves, shoplifters and embezzlers. It undermines the value of using hard work and ethics to earn money.

In addition, the attitude associated with gambling — taking from others to promote one's own position — is selfish.

Gambling, like other vices, can turn from innocent beginnings into addictive bonds. It's an addictive behavior with no easy cure.

And it's not just the prophets warning against gambling.

The NCAA has expressed concern with the amount of illegal gambling associated with the yearly tournaments.

The FBI estimates that in 1995, \$2.5 billion was gambled illegally on the NCAA tournament.

"The explosive growth of gambling has caused a noticeable increase in the number of sports wagering-related cases processed by the NCAA and threatens the integrity of college sports," the NCAA Web site said.

An organization devoted to helping compulsive gamblers, 1-800-GAMBLER, reported in 1999 the average debt of callers was nearly \$35,000. And 21 percent of the callers bet regularly on sports. Clearly, sports betting can lead to destructive behavior.

Gambling on sports is no different than playing blackjack on the strip in Las Vegas. Gambling is gambling. It's an unhealthy pastime in any form.

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VIEWPOINT

Give students a break

With most other universities and colleges in the state enjoying spring break this week, BYU students continue to trudge through the monotonous continuation of classes straight to the end of the semester.

Forget about heading to St. George for a few days off. With no breaks from classes during winter semester, it's a long haul through the cold, dismal months.

During fall, students have Thanksgiving break to look forward to. Then there's just a three-week push to the end.

But during the winter, all students get two measly days off — all of which occur at the beginning of the term.

People cannot do the same thing day after day, without any time to refresh and rejuvenate themselves.

In a school district near Seattle, students are given both a mid-winter as well as a spring break.

"It's so rainy and gloomy up here that we need a break in order to make it through," said Melissa Davis of Renton, Wash.

Theater performances have intermissions. Sporting events have time-outs. So why don't winter semesters at BYU

have more than two days off?

A representative from the registration office said BYU doesn't give its students a spring break because the university has to stop classes in time to host summer conferences and workshops, such as Women's Conference in early May.

However, this semester, because students were given a week off for the Olympics, the university extended its classes a week later than normal.

Although a mid-semester weeklong vacation is not necessarily the best option, students need some sort of time off.

Instead of a spring break, why not offer a couple more three- or four-day weekends throughout the semester?

This would give students the break they need in order to survive the harsh demands of school without making it too hard to get back into the swing of things.

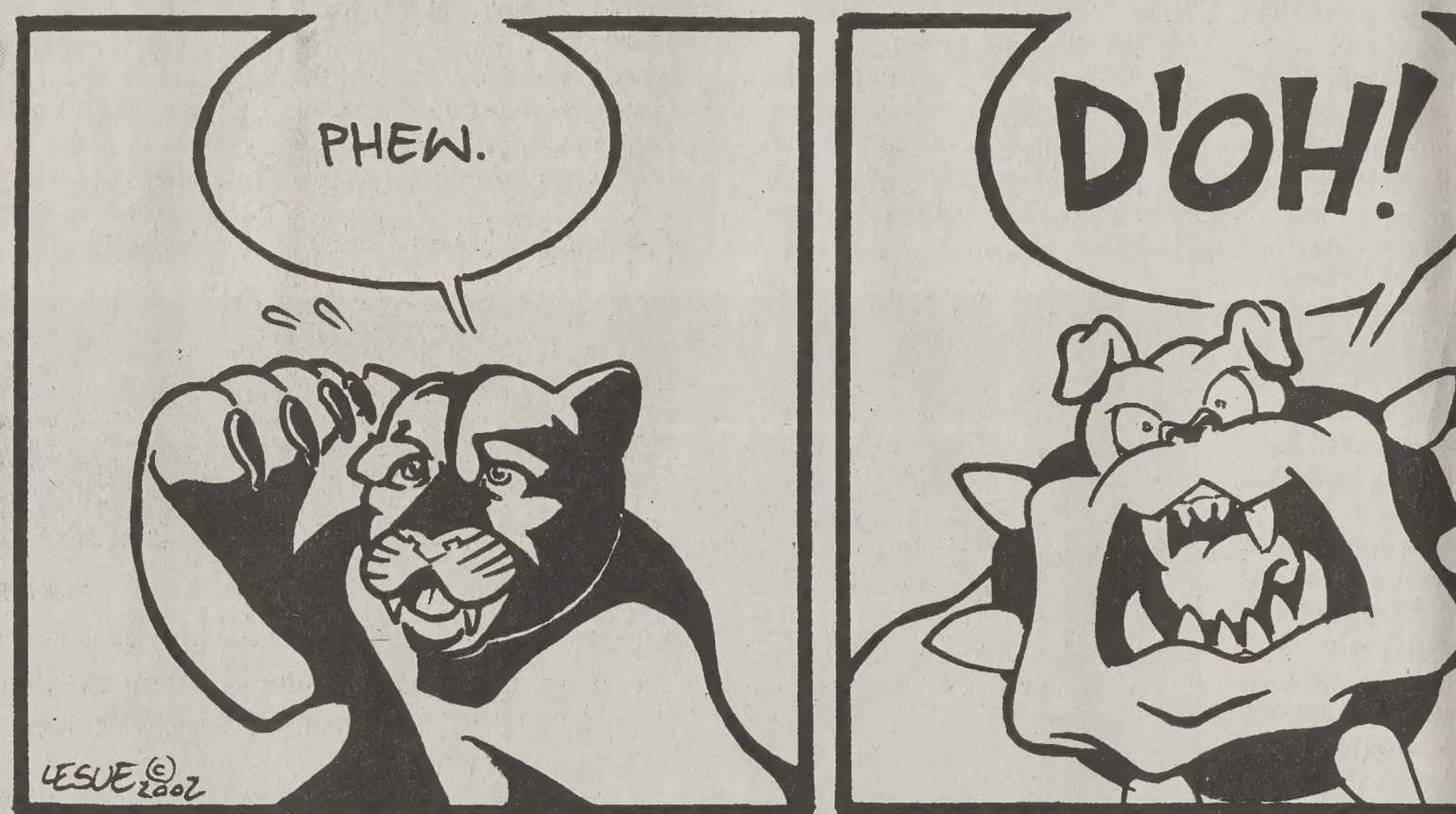
Since BYU gets out two weeks earlier than most other schools in the state, having these short breaks every winter would put us as starting our summer vacations a week earlier than anyone else — still giving the university time to host its conferences while keeping the student body from wearing themselves out.

Christy Shepherd



Writing Coach

STEVE CLEVELAND ANNOUNCED THAT HE'S NOT A CANDIDATE FOR THE HEAD COACHING JOB AT FRESNO STATE UNIVERSITY



READERS' FORUM

Education priority

Dear Editor,

Are you kidding? The opinion expressed in Tuesday's "Marriage paramount" letter is probably the most inappropriate idea I've ever read in this newspaper.

It illustrates why people outside Provo see BYU as a marriage factory. BYU is a university, an academic institution, not a four-year dating excursion.

The assertion that it is juvenile for a woman to say, "I am not here just to get married," further illustrates the fact that the opinion expressed is that of a chauvinistic pig and should absolutely not be taken as the gospel truth.

Speaking of the gospel, wasn't it President Hinckley (*Ensign*, May 2001, p. 93) who said, "In this day and time, a girl needs an education?"

There is nothing wrong with a woman who wants a degree. We BYU women are typically 18-24 years old. We are young, and now is the perfect time to get an education. If a woman with a degree frightens some male BYU students, maybe those men "are in the wrong place."

I did not pay \$4,000 a year to date — I paid that money for the degree I'll get in August. I'm not married, and I'm not worried. I'll meet my husband someday, and if it doesn't happen soon, I'll be OK too — I'd rather be single and happy than married wishing I was single.

If the author of the astute aforementioned article is any indication of the dating choices at BYU, no wonder women here aren't in a hurry to get married.

Jennifer Ripplinger
Boulder City, Nev.

Gender hypocrisy

Dear Editor,

Before I get a letter announcing that I've been expelled because of my age, I think I'll address a few issues I have with the recently contrived idea of eradicating all 19-year-old women from BYU's campus.

If I understand the plan correctly, it would seem that reasons for my expulsion would include just "generally" being 19 and the fact that I came to college to actually receive a degree.

Admittedly, 19-year-olds can be slightly annoying, but I think the grand prize goes to 19-year-old men or, even better, their returned missionary counterparts.

These are the humble fellows who go around spouting off what they refer to as hallowed wisdom to us unintelligent, youthful girls.

Really, without you there to tell us which path to follow we might fail in accomplishing anything great in life. It's about time we figured it out and just married you so we wouldn't have to think for ourselves.

As for planning on receiving a degree upon graduation, that's slightly shortsighted, isn't it? We wouldn't want to be prepared to support our families if any trial were to come upon us, would we?

Perhaps before actually leaving the university, we could all line up in a row and allow the older generation to have their pick of us. I've even got a catchy slogan: "Marry one of us today or leave tomorrow." That's a definite winner.

Jamie Salazar
Salt Lake City

Persuasion is key

Dear Editor,

We wholeheartedly agree with the letter titled "Marriage Paramount" which stated that women at BYU roll their eyes at the thought of marriage.

We know that you brethren are eager to be married and are earnestly working toward that goal. And yes, we women hope to be married someday. But for now,

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most of us are content with our commitment-free lives.

Men, here is the secret: finagle. You must convince us that being married to you will be better than our luxurious lives of independence.

As Brother Randy Bott would say, most of you have personalities analogous to wallpaper paste.

To prove this wrong you must go out of your way to impress us.

Send flowers. Make dinner. Compliment us. But give us time to think about it (six months should do it) and don't pressure us.

Jeanine Fish Heather Rust
Corona, Calif. Bountiful, Davis County

Friendly caucus

Dear Editor,

I wish to respond to Thursday's letter to the editor urging BYU students to "vote Democrat."

I am not currently registered to vote in Utah and having never been to a caucus meeting, I was worried about not being able to vote for my local party leaders.

However, I found my student dominated Republican precinct more than accommodating to those who showed up. The officials allowed everyone to vote.

I only attended the one caucus, but it was a welcoming experience, contrary to what the author of the letter had promised.

Brent Dugan
Fort Worth, Texas

Take responsibility

Dear Editor,

By law, an employee's employer and a student's university are obligated to provide you with correct and true information on your W-2 by no later than Jan. 31. I'm not demanding something unrealistic, I'm only demanding that BYU follow the law.

Are we not to render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's? Does this university really believe in following the law?

I understand it would cost a lot of money to mail out new W-2s. Why would you have to mail them in the first place? Have students pick them up from the Garden Court, much like they distribute checks in the Garden Court at the beginning of each semester.

Do whatever you need to do to get the forms to us, but the law is clear: BYU is obligated to provide correct information for both student employment and university scholarships for the past year. Why would BYU be considered above this law?

More disappointingly, why would BYU

not correct a problem that's been around for a long time?

Quit hiding behind your brethren and do what is right. Jan. 31 has passed. We can at least get us the info by now and show you want to do it right. It requires you to do.

Sam Butler
Twin Falls, Idaho

Not up to you

Dear Editor,

In response to the "Infernal" letter which asks, "Do you believe that UVSC just had to do without forcing students to do it? Yes we do."

Bragging about your history, UVSC is like bragging about your year-old in a boxing match and your little effort, but not much.

The author also said that UVSC students don't receive the best of the truth. BYU-Idaho is another story. Haven for those who could not leave BYU.

We're not saying that UVSC aren't valuable members of the community just go to way, way, way, way, way.

We can get along as long as we pretend to be on the same team as those around you.

Patrick Laycock
Alberta, Canada

Wasteful spending

Dear Editor,

The goal of this past week's banquet, which I was able to attend, was to give people "an opportunity to give the desire to make something out of it."

While talking about the banquet with some friends this week, the subject of our conversation was that we should do with all of our money at the end of the semester.

Somebody suggested that we should organize a food drive to collect excess food that is accumulated at the end of the semester. This is just one way in which we can help those that are less fortunate.

I encourage BYU clubs to take advantage of the many opportunities we have to help those around us.

Von Packard
Carlsbad, Calif.

Economical income

Dear Editor,

Our campus has been in need of posters advertising the BYU Fund. I am sure you have seen them.

The idea behind the campaign is wonderful. I am a philanthropist and I love the idea of helping students. However, I question the need for advertising zeal.

The "Choose to Give" poster is cheap. At \$5 per square foot, the costs about \$70.

BYUSA printed 17 of them, and the total bill for the posters is \$1,190.

Is this wise use of university money? Suppose it might be, if the bill is spread out, but such is not the case. Across the quad and you see posters, side by side, every five feet.

Why so many? Why not buy five posters, save \$900, and give that money to the A. J. O. Also, at \$6 on the dollar, a total of \$1,190 would almost pay for two years of tuition.

Raise your hand if you would like money to pay for your tuition.

Shawn Brooks
Provo



Groups join in service

By Brown
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Staff Writer

The Jacobsen Center for Service and Learning and the BYUSA Community Service Division are joining forces to provide service opportunities for students. But students wanting to get involved should hardly notice the merger, said service leaders. The two organizations are providing the same kind of service opportunities, and will be a lot more beneficial to students, said Misa Jacobsen, executive director for the Jacobsen Center.

Misa Jacobsen, 23, a junior from Provo, is currently working in pre-nursing. She said the transition BYUSA and the Jacobsen Center worked together on service projects.

The Jacobsen Center used the Jacobsen Center because many of their projects were similar, such as telephones, comput-

ers and other resources.

Anne Rumsey, director of Student Leadership, said the merger has been in transition for some time.

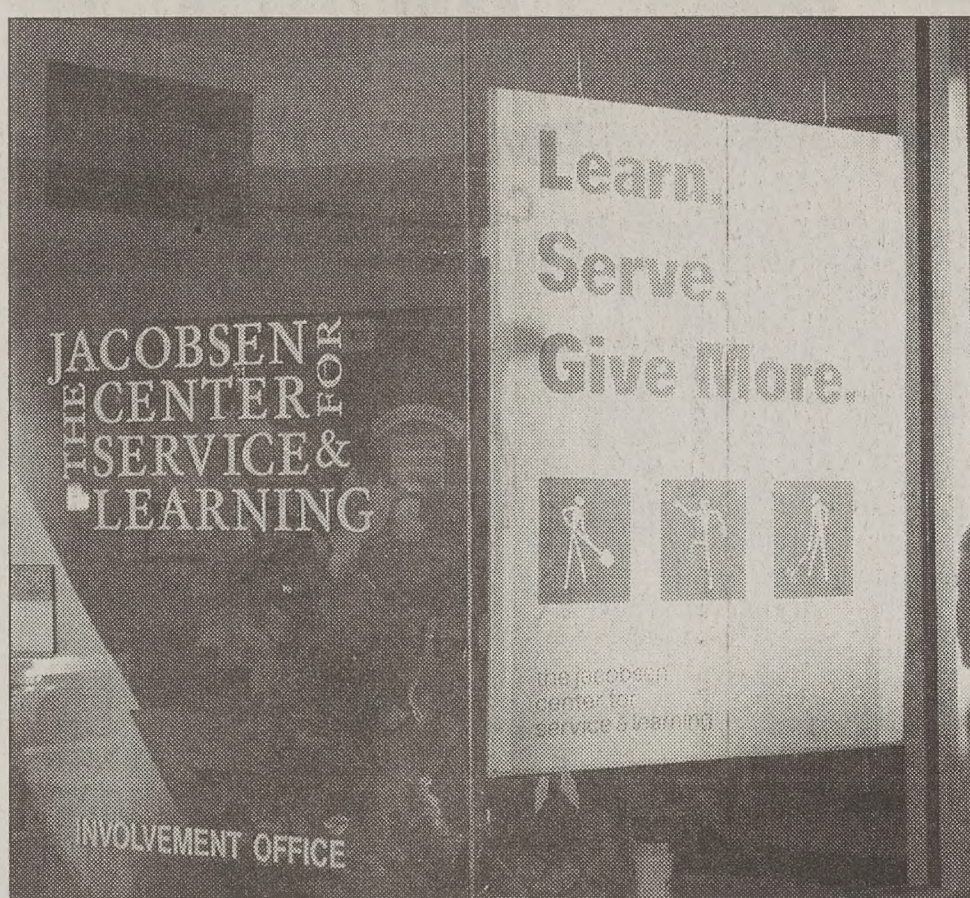
"We hoped eventually they would come together," she said. "It was just a matter of having everything prepared in the Jacobsen Center and in BYUSA."

Jonathon Kau, director of the Jacobsen Center, said the groups joined because it made sense to help the community and students.

BYUSA had programs including Y days, Sub for Santa and blood drives which will now be part of the Jacobsen Center.

The Jacobsen Center and the BYUSA Community Service Division have complimentary purposes in promoting opportunities for service, Kau said.

"Rather than have us compete and be redundant for service, we now have a solid base where we can better serve the community," he said.



Jack R. Peterson/Daily Universe

The Jacobsen Student Center for Service and Learning located in the Wilkinson Student Center will soon combine its services with that of the BYUSA Community Service Division.

Visiting professor to teach freshman how to thrive

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Keith Hjortshoj, author and professor at Cornell University, will speak to BYU students and faculty today about the transition to college.

Hjortshoj is the author of "The Transition to College Writing," a book about issues confronting freshmen as they enter college.

Hjortshoj has designed and taught writing courses for students ranging from freshman to graduate students.

He is currently serving as the director of writing in the majors in the Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines at Cornell University. Hjortshoj established this program with his associate Harry Shaw in 1987.

As director of the program,



Keith Hjortshoj

Hjortshoj collaborates with faculty on methods of integrating writing with learning in advanced courses and leads seminars on writing and teaching.

Hjortshoj will speak today at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. in 151 TNRB.

"Navigating the Freshman Year" will be the title of Hjortshoj's 4 p.m. lecture in the JSB Auditorium.

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Students dash to raise funds for disabled

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Five BYU business students came running to help hundreds of disabled residents of the community.

Exceeding the Marriott School's requirement that students complete a service project, the students are putting on a 5-K run Saturday and donating the money to Recreation and Habilitation Services, a non-profit agency committed to assisting Utah's disabled.

Spencer Millerberg, 23, a senior from Sandy, majoring in business management, and a member of the organizing committee, said he has high hopes for the run.

"Our goal is to raise \$1,300 for RAH," he said. "I expect we will have about 130 runners, but I hope the whole city of Provo shows up. That would be great for RAH and for us."

The student organizers took on the project as part of a requirement for the Marriott School of Management.

Student groups must plan a service project and analyze its success afterward.

Millerberg said the assignment allowed groups to do projects that did not require tremendous amounts of effort, but his group members decided that if they were going to do a project, they wanted to do something worthwhile.

"The RAH 5-K is going beyond the assignment requirements, but we know it will make a real difference to the community and be something we are proud of," Millerberg said.

Erik Ahlander, 24, a senior from Orem, majoring in business management, and another organizer of the event, said it is important for people to come.

"The more runners we get, the more people we will be able to help live meaningful lives," Ahlander said. "Besides, this event can benefit the runners too."

Local sponsors are providing T-shirts, food and prizes for the runners, he said.

"It is great how BYU and members of



graphic by Denise Plant

the community are coming together for a worthwhile cause," Ahlander said.

Cheryl Adamson, assistant director at RAH, said she is extremely pleased with the students' efforts. She said the non-profit organization would appreciate any amount of money raised because it gets all of its support from private donations, grants and volunteers.

She also said the group's largest resource for volunteers is BYU.

The run will take place at 9 a.m. at the Provo City River Trail. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at 4800 North and University Ave.

The registration fee for the race is \$8 before Friday and \$10 on Saturday. People can register

Calorie guessing game encourages eating well

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The Student Dietetics Association is using fun and games to raise awareness about nutrition and healthy dieting.

The dietetics students are wrapping up a month of activities with a calorie-counting contest in the Wilkinson Student Center. Their booth will be set up between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Students can guess the number of calories in a typical Cougar meal. The closest guesses win prizes, but the dietetics association hopes all students will gain a greater understanding of the nutritional value of the food they eat.

"Most people don't think about calories when they're eating out," said Lisa Morris, 21, a junior from Bountiful, majoring in dietetics, and president of the Student Dietetics Association.

Many students frequently eat conven-

ience foods and do not have a balanced

The Student Dietetics Association hopes to increase student awareness about health and nutrition through games and contests.

"Most students aren't motivated enough to walk over and get a pamphlet. They'd rather come to something where they can win prizes," Morris said.

On Tuesday students were asked to guess the calories in a serving of food from their diet to eat healthfully with Alfredo sauce and butter sticks from Tomassito's. Most guesses were much lower than the actual amount.

People do not need to eliminate food from their diet to eat healthfully, Kristi Miller, 21, a junior from Ardmore, Okla., majoring in dietetics, said.

"There's no such thing as a healthy and moderation in your diet."

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Vocal Point says no to Sunday singing

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Staff Writer

Vocal Point will not sing in the semifinals of the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella set for late March in Provo, Utah.

The members of Vocal Point were upset when they found out about the date change, but decided to make the best of the situation.

"It was a disappointment when we found out that the date was changed," said Brett Larson, high tenor of Vocal Point. "But I'm really proud to say 'no thanks' and stand up for something."

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photo courtesy of Bob Ahlander

Members of Vocal Point hold up the first-place trophies they won in the semifinals of the International Championship of Collegiate A Capella in early March.

Cougarette tryouts trigger elation, tears

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More than 100 dancers wearing leotards and nervous smiles will compete Saturday to become Cougarettes, and to take one of 16 spots on the nation's No. 1 college dance team.

"You always have people who leave the audition in tears because it's something that they've hoped and dreamed of for years," said Jodi Maxfield, artistic director for the Cougarettes.

Maxfield said she likes to have a team of 16 dancers, but is willing to take more or less depending on circumstances.

Last year, 14 Cougarettes returned to the team, leaving only two positions available. This year, Maxfield is anticipating more openings.

"It's really up in the air right

now as far as the number of girls returning. It changes from day to day," she said.

Former Cougarettes still have to audition if they want to make the team again.

Linda Richards, 19, a freshman from Provo who has not yet declared her major, was on the team last year and will audition again.

Richards said despite any advantage she may have, she is still nervous for the audition.

"Tryouts are always a little nerve-racking. All of us are nervous, especially because last year's were really hard," she said.

Many dancers still in high school are flying in from other states to audition. Maxfield has already received calls from dancers in California, Arizona and Texas.

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Baseball puts Aggies away, twice

The team scored three runs off only one hit. The Aggies also scored two runs off an error error and tied the game at six. BYU took the lead with a bases loaded walk.

Utah State came back and scored in the seventh to tie the game and send it into extra innings, then scored once in the top of the eighth to take the lead.

BYU came up in the bottom of the eighth with its best hitter, Oli Keohohou leading off. She was intentionally walked, though, setting the stage for someone else to be the hero.

The hero turned out to be a costly error by the Aggies on a throw to first, which allowed two runs to score and give the Cougars the win.

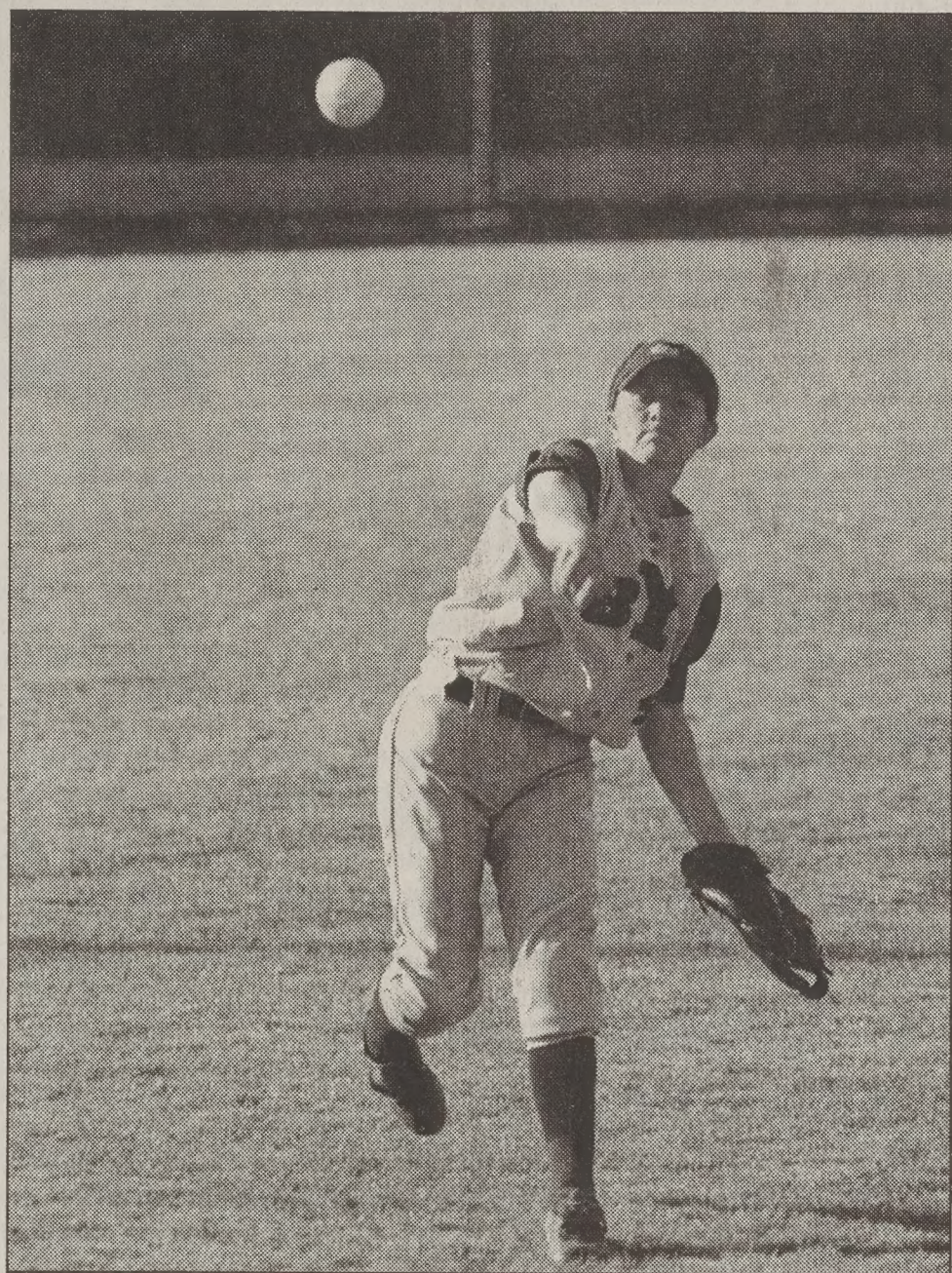
"We need to play more solid on defense," head coach Mary Kay Amicone said. "But to their credit, I don't know what it is, but they find a way to win."

Keohohou's walk in the eighth inning was the fourth time she was walked in the two games.

All the walks attest to her hitting abilities, which she was recognized for this week by earning Mountain West Conference player of the week award.

The Cougars' next games are Friday in a double header with UNLV, and Saturday against San Diego State in another double header. BYU will be on the road for all the games.

This weekend's games start conference play for the Cougars.



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Senior outfielder Liz VanderLinden throws a ball to the infield during BYU's win over Utah State on Wednesday at Gail Miller Field. The Cougars won the games 7-1, 9-8.

BYU women's golf aims to be up to par

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The women's golf team is in Lebanon, Ore., preparing for the Nike Duck Invitational today through Friday.

This is the fifth tournament of the semester and the team said it is the most competitive so far this season.

"I'm really looking forward to getting out there and competing again," said Sue Nyhus, head coach.

"Our team scores have improved and I think we are ready to go."

Today, the Cougars will play a tough 36-holes, followed by another 18 Friday.

Another hurdle the Cougars may face is that the Nike Invitational is being hosted on a new course.

Senior Carrie Summerhays said it will be difficult to play on a course they have never played on before, but they are up to the challenge.

"It is a new course and a new place," Summerhays said.

"There will be really good teams there, but if we do well, we can really make an impact."

The team said the weather, espe-

cially the late snow, has hindered their preparation.

Instead of practicing at the golf course, the Cougars have been working on their game indoors.

The Cougars said they are looking forward to today's 36-holes.

"We are not looking for a Cinderella story," Nyhus said. "We just need to play the way we know how. I don't necessarily need a spectacular score. I just want a score that's reasonably in their ball park for a good round."

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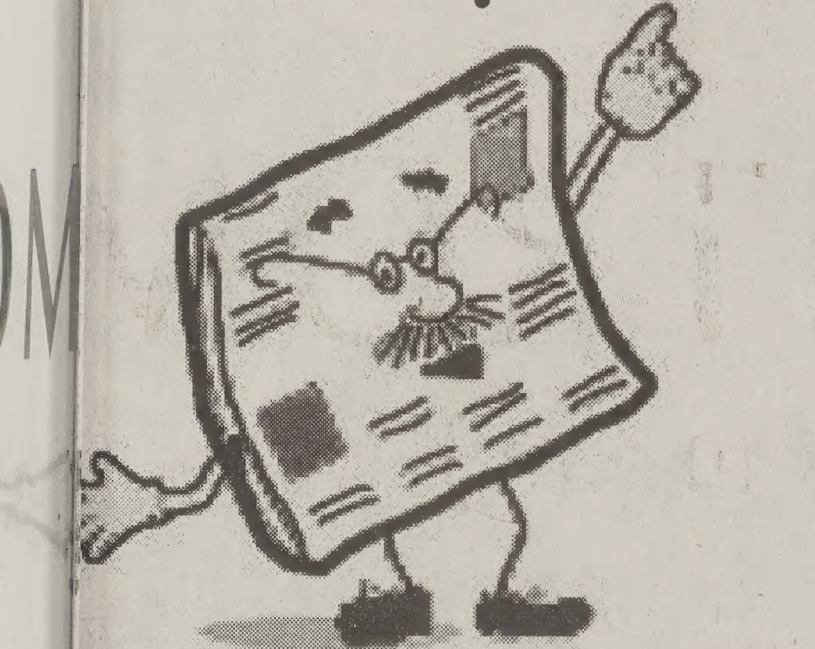


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Rugby ends home play with UVSC

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The undefeated BYU rugby team caps off its home schedule by taking on Utah Valley State College at 12 p.m. Saturday on Haws Field.

The Cougars are 6-0 since the Christmas break, and 13-0 overall, but injuries and game cancellations have put a damper on an otherwise perfect season.

"It's been a weird semester," said junior scrum-half Kimball Kjar. "We've had a lot of injuries and we didn't get to play British Columbia — the season has definitely left a bitter taste in our mouths."

Head coach David Smyth echoed the sentiments of his All-American.

"We've underachieved a little this year," he said. "It's been satisfying in that we haven't lost, but we certainly haven't played as well as we could, and a lot of that has to do with injuries."

Aside from the typical bumps and bruises of the rugby season, the Cougars have lost several players for extended periods of time to injuries that range from a torn MCL to a severe life threatening concussion.

BYU started the semester with two trips to California and came away 4-0, but the Cougars didn't play up to their own high expectations.

"We didn't really play very well in California," said sophomore lock James Wheeler. "We won those games, but not the way we wanted to."

After a lackluster home win against Air Force, the Cougars were looking forward to the rivalry game against Utah and a tune-up against Colorado before traveling to the Northwest to take on Central Washington and British Columbia.

Things didn't exactly go as planned.

BYU pummeled Colorado in the team's most impressive performance of the season, but the Utah game was suspended after sophomore lock Mike Poelman was carted off with a severe concussion.

Then the trip to Washington and British Columbia was cancelled because of weather and safety concerns.

"Utah is our rival and the British Columbia game is such a barometer for us," Smyth said. "We don't get to play in the national championships, so that game was our unofficial national championship."

The Cougars are ready to put the disappointments behind them and concentrate on their last two games against UVSC and Utah State on April 13.

"This is the game of the year for a young, energetic UVSC team that will be gunning for us," Kjar said. "But we've been playing better lately, and hopefully we can get two more wins and finish the season strong."

Kjar is still recovering from a torn MCL.

He will not start against UVSC, but may see some limited action.

"Kimball plays for the national team, so I have to weigh what's good for BYU against what's good for the national team," Smyth said. "But we think he'll be ready for Utah State."

Y set to take on close conference opponents

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The men's volleyball team needs some big wins and a little bit of luck to win the regular season Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championship.

The Cougars are currently in fourth place in the MPSF, but there are still games and interesting match-ups left that could put BYU near the top of the conference.

One of those interesting match-ups will be the showdown between No. 4 BYU and No. 5 UC Santa Barbara today and Friday in the Smith Fieldhouse at 7 p.m.

Coach Carl McGown said Santa Barbara is very similar to the Cougars in size, but its style of play is much different.

"They have explosive arms, and some dynamic athletes," he said. "They're really

different than any other team in our league. No team in our league is playing the way Santa Barbara is playing right now."

The Cougar defense is going to have to continue to step-up as they face the fast-paced Gaucho offense.

"They run a really fast offense, so we're just practicing our block against that," sophomore middle blocker Chris Gorny said. "They lead the nation in hitting percentage."

Senior outside hitter Ben Koski leads the Gauchos in kills per game, averaging 3.89 kills, and was recently named the MPSF player of the week. Koski was an important factor as he put down 14 kills in the Gaucho's win over Hawaii.

The Cougars know they are going to have their hands full as they head into their final home match of the regular season. But, senior opposite hitter Mike Wall, who leads the Cougar offense, is confident in his team.



Track divides to conquer Stanford Invitational, UTEP

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The men's track and field team will split this weekend, with the distance runners competing in the Stanford Invitational and the sprinters, jumpers and throwers showing joining up at The University of Texas El Paso.

The Cougars are coming off a narrow team victory last weekend at The University of Southern California, where the distance crew, which won every distance event, led them.

"The Stanford Invitational is one of two really big races for the distance runners," head coach Mark Robison said. "Eighty percent of the distance runners that qualify

for the national meet will do it at one of those two meets. It's unbelievable. The field is brutal."

Distance runners from all over the country are attracted to the Stanford Invitational. Most Division I schools in the nation will have representatives at the meet.

Assistant coach Ed Eyestone said he views the meet as a great opportunity for athletes to qualify for nationals.

"The way the NCAA is structured, where you need to qualify, it's all about time," Eyestone said. "This is a great opportunity because the conditions will be good and the field of athletes will be tough."

Eyestone said he will also be looking for improvement across the board. The meet at Stanford will likely be the first opportunity for the distance runners to compete in good

weather conditions.

Senior distance runner Lewis Jones, who will be competing in the 5,000-meter run, said he is excited for the opportunity to run in a prestigious meet.

"The distance tradition at Stanford is great," Jones said.

"It has become the premier site for distance events. People migrate there just to try and qualify."

Jones said his main objective this weekend is to continue steady improvement.

He usually runs the 1,500-meter run, but his successful cross country season has him weighing his chances in the longer event.

While most of the distance runners are competing individually at Stanford, the sprinters, field event athletes and a few of the distance runners will compete in a scored team event at UTEP.

The meet will pit the Cougars against UTEP, The University of Texas at El Paso, Kansas State.

BYU may be at a disadvantage, not having most of the distance runners in the competition.

Sophomore distance runner Evanston is one of those who will be competing at UTEP meet.

Evanston is making the outdoor season competition after a job VDOT at the Olympics kept him from competing in the indoor season.

Evanston won the 3,000-meter race in his first meet back from the Olympics.

"Now I'm focused on the outdoors and I'm ready to go," Evanston said.

"I hope I can help the team by clearing some points in the steeplechase and the 3,000-meter race."

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BYU latest rank, No. 4 in Sears Director's cup

By K. Hansen
Sports Writer

Winter sports season comes to a close, but should come as no surprise to fans that BYU is ranked among the top sports programs.

BYU is currently ranked No. 4 in the 2001-02 Sears Director's Cup with 361.5 points.

"It's our highest ranking ever, especially this late in the season," said Duff Tittle, associate athletic director. "What's exciting is that we haven't counted women's basketball or outdoor track and field yet."

In addition to the national championship in women's cross country, BYU scored points from all four of its other fall sports: football (ranked No. 24), men's cross country (No. 12), women's soccer (No. 17) and women's volleyball (No. 33).

At the Indoor Track and Field Championships, both the men and women turned in strong performances to place No. 15 and No. 16, respectively.

Michaelis credits the high placement in the standings to contributions from each program, not just a powerful few.

"The fact that we've had some really good finishes has helped," she said, "but we have had contributions coming from almost all of our sports, which is what it takes to do well."

The Cougars are ranked behind seven-time champion Stanford, Colorado and North Carolina.

BYU has never placed lower than No. 33 in the Cup rankings since its inception in 1994. Tittle and Michaelis point to excellent coaches and players as the reason for the Cougars consistency.

"We've got great coaching and great athletes," Tittle said. "When you have that combination all you have to do is provide them with the facilities and equipment and they're going to be successful."

As BYU heads into its spring season, it's primed to continue its strong showing in the Cup race.

2001-02 Division I Sears Director's Cup Winter Standings for the Mountain West Conference

Rank	Institution	Winter Total Points
4	BYU	361.5
38	Colorado State	175
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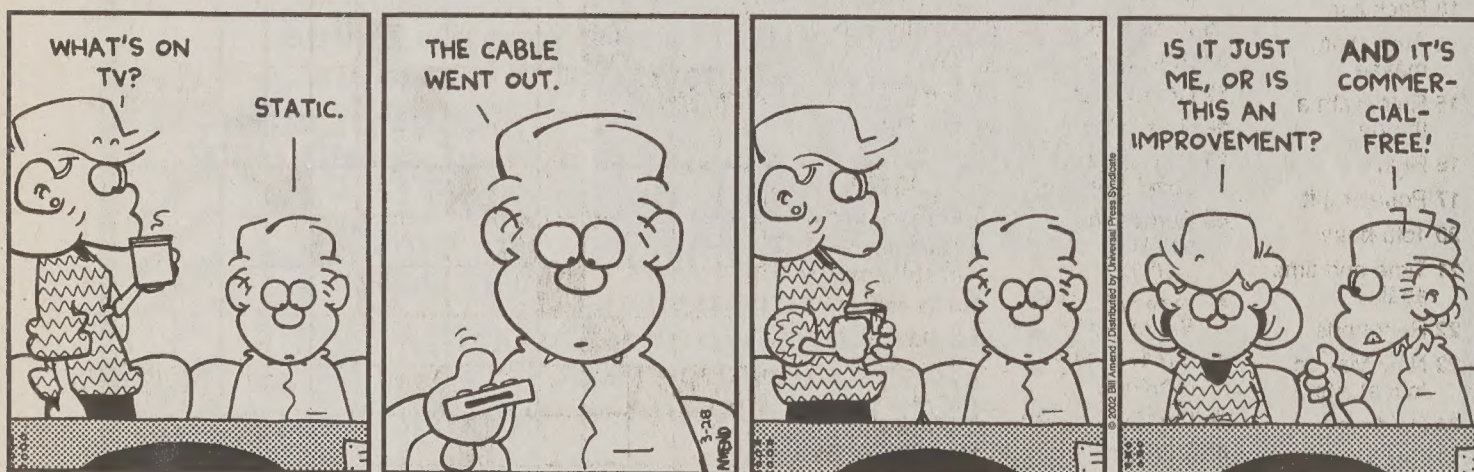
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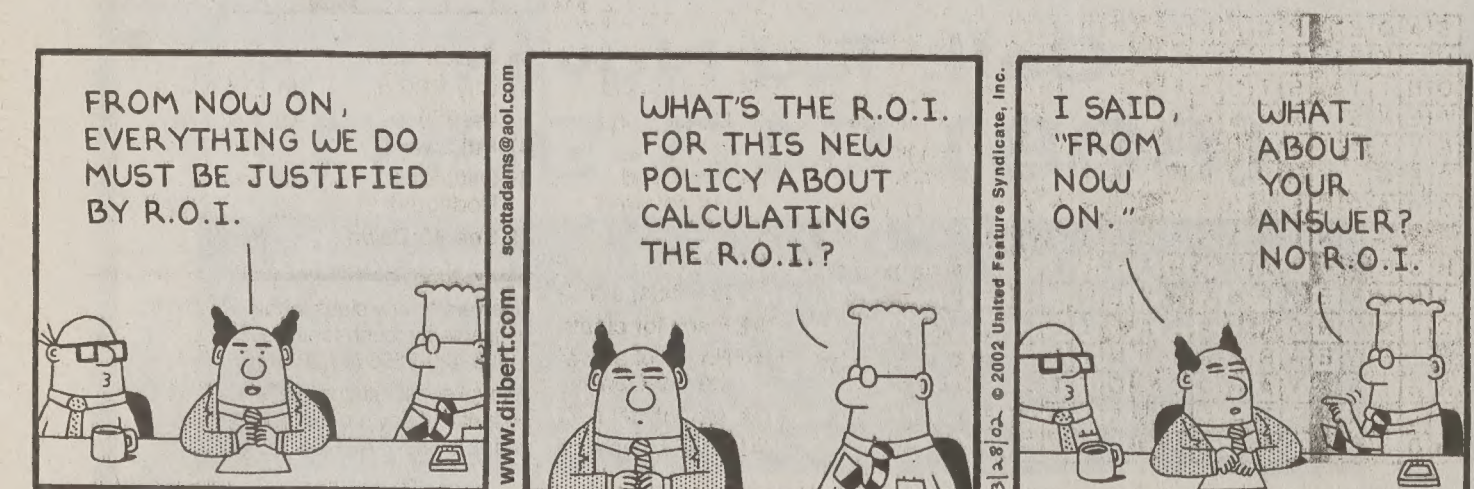
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Associated Press

CHIMAYO, N.M. — This tiny, 300-year-old village is bursting at the seams this week as tens of thousands of Easter pilgrims make their annual trek to a church believed to have healing powers.

But Chimayo's growing pains are year-round, as residents divide their lands for their children and grandchildren.

It's welcome news then, that with the help of a national land conservation group, much of the acreage next to the little Spanish colonial church known as the "Lourdes of America" will be saved from development.

Santa Fe County, through the Trust for Public Land, is buying about 40 acres of open fields that form the tranquil backdrop to the Santuario de Chimayo. Another 21 acres will be kept by the current owner, but not developed.

"Our hope would be to preserve the rural character of the community," said County Commissioner Javier Gonzales.

Sheltered in a little valley in the

foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, Chimayo historically has been known for its fruit and chile production and cattle grazing.

The Santuario de Chimayo was built around 1815 to house a crucifix that, according to legend, was found in the dirt at the site. But long before the arrival of the Spaniards and Christianity, it was considered by Indians to be a sacred spot.

During Holy Week — peaking on Good Friday — pilgrims walk miles to the santuario, a few toting large wooden crosses. They trek 10 miles from neighboring towns, or 30 miles from Santa Fe, or even 90 miles, from Albuquerque.

At the church, they scoop up handfuls of dirt — locally dug, and blessed by a priest — that many believe has healing properties. They rub it on their bodies, or take it home.

The land adjacent to the santuario — where a few cows and calves amble around on winter-brown grass — was undoubtedly used as a gathering and hunting

spot by Indians prior to settlement by Spaniards, said Raymond Bal, a grandson of Jose Manuel Vigil, whose heirs own the property.

It is still visited by the occasional deer or bear, and has been used for grazing cattle and horses.

At least one developer has expressed interest in it.

"Today, no one would think twice about spending the money to develop it, spending the money to drain it," Bal said.

The San Francisco-based Trust for Public Land uses its expertise in public financing, real estate and the law to help communities identify and conserve "land for people," said President Will Rogers.

"Our approach is that the connection between people and place is important for individuals. It's important for communities," Rogers said.

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WASHINGTON — Maybe it was a spell of March Madness.

But when one Utah state senator suggested a pool to see who could predict how the Supreme Court would rule in Utah's bid to win a House seat from North Carolina, the discussion among his colleagues wasn't if Utah would win, but by how much.

"I think we've got it won," said Sen. Mike Waddoups, R-Taylorsville, who convinced the state Legislature earlier this year to adopt a plan for four representatives — just in case.

The bravado was indicative of the excitement several of Utah's elected officials felt after arguments before the court Wednesday.

Utah is challenging the Census Bureau's use of "imputation" to fill in holes in the 2000 population count. When census takers couldn't reach anyone at a home, they assigned the home the same number of residents as the neighboring home.

"Birds of a feather flock together," as Justice David Souter put it.

The technique has been used by the Census Bureau for decades. Utah argued that imputation is a form of sampling prohibited by law.

But celebration may be premature. Justice Antonin Scalia and others expressed

reluctance to order the president and Congress to throw out the old numbers. And Justice Stephen Breyer asked if Utah's argument would prevent the Census Bureau from drawing any logical conclusions unless they count the bodies.

The case is before the high court after a three-judge panel ruled against Utah's arguments.

"It's going to be very close either way," said state Sen. John Valentine, R-Orem, who sat before the bench with a group of state legislators who are also attorneys.

After the hearing, North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper said that if the court sides with Utah now, chaos would reign. The state legislature would have to rush back into special session to redraw its congressional boundaries.

"It's clear that just because they lost the seat, Utah now wants to change the rules of how this census was taken. We believe that's unfair," Cooper said. "We shouldn't go back and change the rules after the count is made."

But Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said there was no reason for Utah to challenge imputation before they knew it would cost them a seat.

Based on her questions to the attorneys, O'Connor appeared to support Utah's arguments that imputation results in the counting

Less personal info collected on Web

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Internet sites appear to be collecting less personal information from users and doing a slightly better job of explaining how sensitive data are used, according to a survey by an opponent of new privacy laws.

The Progress and Freedom Foundation, a Washington think tank, said Wednesday its survey of 300 Web sites picked at random, and 85 more of the Internet's

most-popular sites, showed about eight in 10 of the most-popular collected personal information other than visitors' e-mail addresses. A similar study in 2000 showed almost all did.

"These are real results that should have real benefits for consumers," said the chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, Timothy Muris. "These improvements are both good news for consumers and exactly the type of market-driven response you would expect from a dynamic economy like ours."

Among the 300 random Web sites, the survey said, about three-fourths collected personal information from consumers, also down from the 2000 study.

The foundation said that in the aftermath of the economic problems that struck the technology industry, "firms may also have overestimated the economic value of collecting personal information."

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"When you work with the census policy, it can be hard to wade through all the information if you're not a statistician," Wolfson said.

Joseph Kadane, a prominent census critic who was Wolfson's advisor at Carnegie Mellon University, helped her make key contacts within the Census Bureau.

"My connections have enabled me to locate important census documents for the case," Wolfson said.

Even after documents are obtained, ambiguous and inconsistent wording can make them difficult to understand, she said.

Lee said Wolfson has helped uncover the intricate aspects of the census and has been a driving force in the case.

"She's one of the brightest people I know," Lee said. "People ask if I am an expert in census law, and I say, 'I am now.'"

Wolfson has been busy preparing written evidence for the case in addition to briefing lawyers on details of census policy.

She has already submitted two declarations to the court as statistical evidence for Utah.

"This is a really unique Supreme Court case in that there isn't a lot of case law to base the argument on," Wolfson said.

Lee isn't the only one who's glad to have Wolfson a part of the case.

BYU Statistics Department chair Howard Christensen said Wolfson's involvement will be positive not only for the department, but also for BYU in general.

"It doesn't hurt to have the national press aware and interested in one of our faculty members," Christensen said.

The New York Times referred to her as a "dogged researcher."

According to Kadane, this display of determination and excellence is not new to Wolfson. He recognized her abilities early on during her years as a student at Carnegie.

"I'm proud of her," Kadane said. "She's created a fine career for herself."

Crossword

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- 6 Tooth site
- 10 Pack it in
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- 33 Like some love
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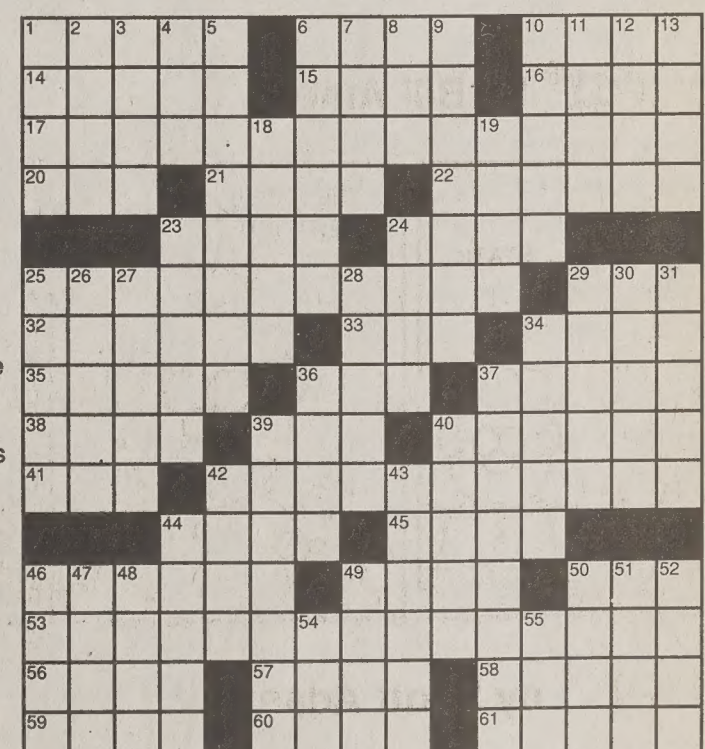
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- 31 Moisture, in a way
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Mapleton plant settlement appeases plaintiffs

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The owner of the Trojan explosives plant in Spanish Fork has reached an out-of-court settlement with plaintiffs in six separate lawsuits against the company. Mike Long, attorney for the plant's owner, the Ensign-Bickford Company, said they have reached an agreement with the plaintiffs, but, as part of the agreement, both sides agreed to keep the terms of the settlement confidential.

The suits, filed by six couples from Mapleton, said the suspected carcinogen RDX, a chemical used in making explosives, caused cancer in their families.

The chemical was discharged from 1971 to 1986 with wastewater from the Trojan plant.

"Two studies on the effects of RDX have been conducted," said Peter Barnett, Ensign-Bickford plant manager. "The first study found no cases of cancer on the mice that were used. The second one found only slight traces."

As part of the settlement, Barnett said the company accepted no blame for allegations in the lawsuit.

Marilyn Peterson, one of the plaintiffs, said she is not at liberty to disclose settlement conditions.

"They told us, and we discussed it in depth, the dangers of saying too much because it might damage that agreement," Peterson said.

Peterson, who has been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, said she is happy because now the records of what occurred will remain open.

"One of my hopes was to have the public become more aware of what had happened in the past and that they should be alert to that situation and not be taking it lightly," she said.

Residents of Mapleton and other interested parties can view these records at the U. S. District Court offices in Salt Lake city, Peterson said.

Mayor Dean Allen said because of the gag order that has been placed on the agreement, nothing has come forth from the individuals to the city about the settlement.

"We are in the process of reviewing data," Allen said. "We want to explore every avenue and make sure the citizens of Mapleton are treated fairly by the company."

Allen said the city of Mapleton and the state of Utah are working with the Ensign-Bickford Company in a cleanup effort.

Peterson said she feels she accomplished her goal with the lawsuit.

"I am still alive and I hoped to see the end of it before I was not," she said. "We have had three very good friends, a next door neighbor and two that lived around the corner, that are dead and never got to see the end of it. I am glad it is finished because of them and the partners they left behind."



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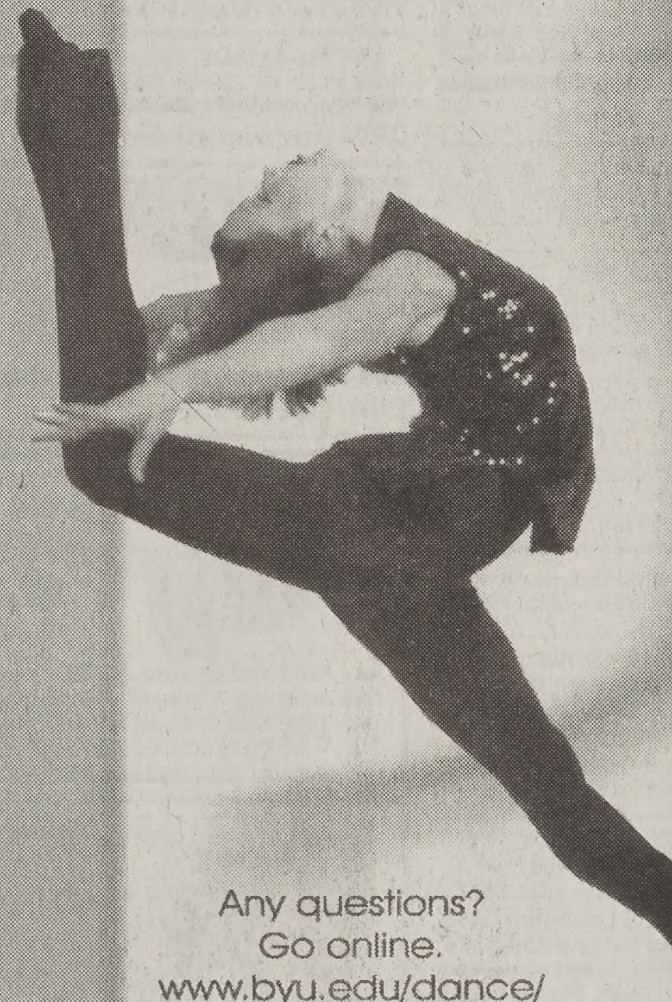
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